



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 945**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN  
REPORTS WITH THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-675 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (1) create a  
4 [software] web-based program [or programs] for the preparation and  
5 electronic submission of financial disclosure statements required by  
6 section 9-608, and (2) prescribe the standard reporting format and  
7 specifications for other [software] programs created by vendors for  
8 such purpose. No [software] such program created by a vendor may  
9 be used for the electronic submission of such financial disclosure  
10 statements, until the commission determines that the program  
11 provides for [the] such standard reporting format [,] and complies with  
12 [the] such specifications. [, which are prescribed under subdivision (2)  
13 of this subsection for vendor software programs.] The commission  
14 shall provide training in the use of the [software] web-based program  
15 [or programs] created by the commission.

16 (b) [The] On and after April 1, 2012, (1) the campaign treasurer of  
17 the candidate committee or exploratory committee for each candidate  
18 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant

19 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, [or]  
20 Secretary of the State, state senator, state representative or judge of  
21 probate who raises or spends [two hundred fifty] four thousand five  
22 hundred dollars or more during an election campaign, (2) the  
23 campaign treasurer of a state central committee, legislative caucus  
24 committee or legislative leadership committee, (3) the campaign  
25 treasurer of any town committee or any other political committee that  
26 (A) raises or spends five thousand dollars or more during a calendar  
27 year, or (B) raised or spent five thousand dollars or more in the  
28 preceding regular election, and (4) any individual, or the campaign  
29 treasurer of any other committee, that makes or obligates to make an  
30 independent expenditure or expenditures and that is required to file a  
31 report of such independent expenditure or expenditures in accordance  
32 with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-612  
33 shall file [in electronic form] all financial disclosure statements  
34 required by [section 9-608 by either transmitting disks, tapes or other  
35 electronic storage media containing the contents of such statements to  
36 the State Elections Enforcement Commission or transmitting the  
37 statements on-line to said commission. Each such campaign treasurer  
38 shall use either (1) a software program created by the commission  
39 under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such  
40 statements, or (2) another software program which provides for the  
41 standard reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which  
42 are prescribed by the commission under subdivision (2) of subsection  
43 (a) of this section, for all such statements. The commission shall accept  
44 any statement that uses any such software program] chapters 155 to  
45 157, inclusive, by electronic submission pursuant to subsection (a) of  
46 this section. Once any such candidate committee has raised or spent  
47 [two hundred fifty thousand] four thousand five hundred dollars or  
48 more during an election campaign, all previously filed statements  
49 required by said section 9-608, which were not filed [in electronic  
50 form] by electronic submission shall be refiled in such form [, using  
51 such a software program,] not later than the date on which the  
52 campaign treasurer of the committee is required to file [the next  
53 regular statement under said section 9-608] the committee's next

54 financial disclosure statement.

55 (c) (1) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for any  
 56 other candidate, as defined in section 9-601, who is required to file  
 57 [the] financial disclosure statements required by [section 9-608]  
 58 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, with the commission but who has not  
 59 reached the threshold amount of money raised or spent, set forth in  
 60 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section for required electronic  
 61 submission, and (2) the campaign treasurer of any political committee  
 62 or [party] town committee that has not reached the threshold amount  
 63 of money raised or spent, as set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection  
 64 (b) of this section, may file [in electronic form] any financial disclosure  
 65 statements required by [said section 9-608] chapters 155 to 157,  
 66 inclusive, by electronic submission pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
 67 section. [Such filings may be made by either transmitting disks, tapes  
 68 or other electronic storage media containing the contents of such  
 69 statements to the proper authority under section 9-603 or transmitting  
 70 the statements on-line to such proper authority. Each such campaign  
 71 treasurer shall use either (A) a software program created by the  
 72 commission under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for  
 73 all such statements filed in electronic form, or (B) another software  
 74 program which provides for the standard reporting format, and  
 75 complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by the  
 76 commission under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for  
 77 all such statements filed in electronic form. The proper authority under  
 78 section 9-603 shall accept any statement that uses any such software  
 79 program.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-675
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*